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SUBJECT: DISTURBANCES IN HEBRON

REF: JERUSALEM 1194

1. JERUSALEM POST AND ARABIC PRESS REPORT JULY 30 CLASH PREVIOUSLY IN HEBRON BETWEEN MOSLEM HEBRONITES AND ISRAELI KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS AND SOLDIERS AT IBRIHAMIYYE MOSQUE (AT TOMB OF THE PATRIARCHS). ACCORDING TO PRESS SOURCES, CLASH ERUPTED DURING FUNERAL HELD FOR LOCAL MOSLEM AT SAME TIME JEWISH SETTLERS WERE PRAYING IN MOSQUE. JERUSALEM POST REPORTS ARREST OF 35 HEBRONITES FROM GROUP OF APPROXIMATELY 200 PARTICIPATING IN FUNERAL. INCIDENT REPORTEDLY OCCURRED AFTER PROCESSION WAS TOLD TO WAIT OUTSIDE MOSQUE UNTIL JEWISH PRAYER SERVICES (WHICH WERE TAKING PLACE DURING PERIOD RESERVED FOR THEM) HAD ENDED. FUNERAL PROCESSION REPORTEDLY FORCED ITS WAY INTO TOMB WHERE CLASH ERUPTED BETWEEN THE TWO GROUPS. POLICE AND SECURITY FORCES WERE SUMMONED AND EVICTED MOSLEMS FROM THE MOSQUE. PROCESSION WAS THEN ESCORTED TO LOCAL CEMETERY WHERE, AFTER FUNERAL, ARRESTS

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WERE MADE. PRESS INDICATES "MOST" ARRESTED WERE RELEASED

AFTER INTERROGATION AS RESULT INTERVENTION OF HEBRON MAYOR JA'ABARI, WHO IS SAID TO HAVE TRIED TO COOL TEMPER. (POST REPORTED ON JULY 29 THAT ALL 11 KIRYAT ARBANS ARRESTED JULY 27 FOR SIMILAR ACTIONS, AS REPORTED REFTTEL, WERE RELEASED NEXT DAY.)

2. PRESS REPORTS ANOTHER INCIDENT SAME DAY IN HEBRON IN WHICH JEWISH SETTLERS FROM KIRYAT ARBA ATTEMPTED SIT-INS OUTSIDE SEVERAL HOLY PLACES. SIT-IN DEMONSTRATORS WERE REPORTEDLY DISPERSED BY AUTHORITIES. NO CASUALTIES WERE REPORTED IN EITHER INCIDENT.

3. COMMENT: THIS MOST RECENT CLASH BETWEEN MOSLEM HEBRONITES AND JEWISH SETTLERS FROM KIRYAT ARBA ILLUSTRATES PROBLEM IN-

HERENT IN ATTEMPT OF MOSLEM AND JEWS TO SHARE THE USE OF THIS HISTORIC SITE HOLY TO BOTH RELIGIONS. POTENTIAL FOR MORE SERIOUS INCIDENTS BETWEEN THESE TWO FANATICALLY RELIGIOUS GROUPS IS EVER PRESENT IN THIS PREDOMINANTLY MOSLEM COMMUNITY. SIMILAR INCIDENTS WILL IN ALL LIKELIHOOD OCCUR AS KIRYAT ARBA SETTLERS CONTINUE TO PRESS THEIR DEMANDS FOR GREATER USE OF THE TOMB.  
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